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Office of General Counsel

Procurement of Cafeteria Equipment for Printing and Reproduction
Plant

1. This will confirm the conversation of this date concerning the subject equipment.

2. It has been determined by conversations with members of your office that the subject equipment or the installation thereof was not included in the 1954 budget in a fashion that would authorize the Agency to complete the contemplated project. To constitute budgetary approval by the Congress, it was necessary that the subject be included as a specific item and designated as such in the budget that was presented to the Bureau of the Budget and Congressional Committees. The absence of that type of approval leaves the project in exactly the same status that it was in prior to inclusion in the budget as approved within the Agency.

3. It is the opinion of this office that the installation of cafeteria equipment in a building held under a five-year lease from a private owner may not be authorized without specific budgetary approval which would entail resubmission of the item to the Bureau of the Budget and necessary Congressional Committees either as a single item or in the next budget presented to the Congress for approval.

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